THE WACCAMAW INDIAN PEOPLE

An Indian Tribe recognized by the state of South Carolina

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The Honorable Chief Leon Locklear
Tuscarora Nation of NC
288 Tuscarora Nation Road
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Dear Chief Locklear:

The Waccamaw Indian People is a state recognized tribe from the state of South Carolina and we would like to endorse your application for recognition in the state of North Carolina. Please include this letter in your application packet as our letter of support.

According to the Wikipedia Free Encyclopedia in the 1930s the Department Of the Interior conducted physical examinations of 209 individuals residing in Robeson County and determined that 22 of them possessed at least 1/2 or more degree of Indian blood and that 18 more were borderline or near borderline cases.

In the 1960s the surviving eight of these 22 persons, along with many of their descendants and approximately 2000 other communities members officially organized a Tuscarora political infrastructure in Robeson County and on November 12th , 1979 the "Tuscarora Tribe was adopted and accepted into the National Congress of American Indians. Therefore, your peers across the nation have recognized you as a legitimate and viable tribe.

I know of no entity in South Carolina that does not recognize you and your people as a tribal entity. and I can officially speak for the Waccamaw when I say that we absolutely recognize you and the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina and heartily endorse your petition.

Good luck on the petition and if there is anything else we at the South Carolina Waccamaw can do to help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold (Buster) Hatcher
Chief